



Week of Aug. 6 - Aug. 12, 2008

Enlisted Airmen can attend USAFA through LEAD program

The Leaders Encouraging Airman Development (LEAD) Program, initiated in 1995 by former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman, delegates authority to unit and wing commanders to nominate highly talented Airmen to compete for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado without a congressional appointment. Upon graduation, cadets receive a Bachelor of Science degree in one of 32 majors and a commission as a second lieutenant. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, 2009.

Following are some facts about the LEAD program:

- There are 85 slots for active-duty Airmen, and 85 for Reserve and Guard Airmen who qualify for direct entry into the Air Force Academy
- Fifty slots are also reserved at the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School for Airmen who do not meet direct-entry criteria. These Airmen can enter the Academy upon successful completion of prep school curriculum
- For Academy direct entry, applicants must be of high moral character, no older than 23 on July 1 of the year entering the Academy, a U.S. citizen or be able to obtain citizenship before entry in the Academy the following year, be unmarried and have no dependents. For Preparatory School entry, the same criteria apply except applicants must not have passed their 22nd birthday by July 1 of the entry year.

A LEAD conference is scheduled for Sep. 8-11, at the Air Force Academy to familiarize senior Air Force enlisted leaders with the admissions process, entrance requirements and extensive military, academic, athletic and leadership development programs.

For more information about the LEAD program, contact your local education center or visit the U.S. Air Force Academy Directorate of Admissions at <http://www.academyadmissions.com>.

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